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SUBJ: KOREA IN THE 30TH UNGA

REF: A. USUN 4430; B. SINGAPORE 4127

1. I DOUBT THAT THE DAY HAS YET ARRIVED WHEN THE US CAN USEFULLY MAKE A COORDINATED APPROACH TO ASEAN COUNTRIES ON AN ISSUE SUCH AS KOREA IN THE 30TH UNGA. PERHAPS WHEN ASEAN HAS SETTLED DOWN INTO SOMETHING MORE FIRMLY STRUCTURED THAN IS THE CASE TODAY WE MIGHT WISH TO DO SO, BUT AS MATTERS NOW STAND ASEAN MEMBER STATES ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF WORKING OUT AMONG THEMSELVES ASEAN'S ULTIMATE ROLE. EVEN ON THE QUESTION OF WHAT MATTERS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AT ASEAN SUMMIT MEETING NEXT YEAR THERE IS AS YET NO CONSENSUS, AS WAS INDICATED DURING ASEAN SENIOR LEVEL PREPARATORY MEETING IN SINGAPORE SEPTEMBER 15-17 (REFTEL B). THUS IT WOULD BE JUMPING THE GUN TO EXPECT ASEAN MEMBER STATES AT THIS STAGE TO RESPOND ON THE BASIS OF REGIONAL SOLIDARITY RATHER THAN ON INDIVIDUAL POLITICAL CALCULATIONS.

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2. MOREOVER, JUDGING BY THE RATHER COMPLEX REACTION WE HAVE

HAD FROM PHILIPPINE AND THAI OFFICIALS WITH RESPECT TO US-ASEAN ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS, IT COULD JUST BE THAT AN APPROACH BY US TO ASEAN MEMBER STATES RE THE KOREAN QUESTION WOULD BE RESENTED AND HELD AGAINST US AS AN INSTANCE OF "SUPERPOWER" INTERFERENCE.

3. ON BASIS OF FOREGOING, I BELIEVE WE WOULD DO BETTER EITHER TO APPROACH THE ASEAN COUNTRIES SEPARATELY OR TO FIND SOME OTHER COUNTRY CAPABLE OF ASSISTING, OR BOTH. HOLDRIDGE

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